

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John J. Kochevar

Serial No.: Not available

Filed: March 2, 2004

For: Vacuum Line Sanitization Device and Method

Group No.: Not available

Examiner: Not available

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

MAILING



deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

37 C.F.R. 1.10*

with sufficient postage as first class mail.



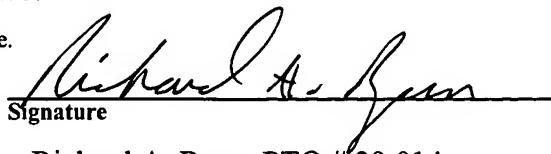
as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"
Mailing Label No. EF396250031US

TRANSMISSION

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

Date:

3/2/2004


Signature

Richard A. Ryan, PTO #39,014
(type or print name of person certifying)

Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Section 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of 1

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Art Unit

Examiner Name

March 2, 2004

John J. Kochevar

Attorney Docket Number

RAR112.03

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
1	US-	5,356,521	10-18-1994	Nekoksa, et al.	
2	US-	5,993,753	11-30-1999	Davidson	
3	US-	5,246,560	09-21-1993	Nekoksa, et al.	
4	US-	4,780,197	10-25-1988	Schuman	
5	US-	4,303,515	12-01-1981	Rademacher	
6	US-	5,743,287	04-28-1998	Rauchwerger	
7	US-	4,355,008	10-19-1982	Dunn, Jr.	
8	US-	4,333,833	06-08-1982	Longley, et al.	
9	US-	5,053,114	10-01-1991	Maddock	
10	US-	4,293,425	10-06-1981	Price	
	US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered
--------------------	--	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Section 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

Section 4. Identification of Person Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this certification is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventor(s) and in the practitioner's file.



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

Reg. No.: 39,014

Richard A. Ryan

Tel. No.: (559) 447-1862

Ryan & Engnath
8469 N. Millbrook Ave., Suite 104
Fresno, CA 93720

Customer No.: 29762